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IN RE APPLICATION OF
DENNI-DISCHERT ET AL.

Examiner: Susannah Lee Chung

APPLICATION NO: 10/528,323

FILED: MAY 5, 2005

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF VALSARTAN

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2007, the period for responding having been extended three months to May 5, 2008, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A petition for extension of time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment related to the filing of this Amendment to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.